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Case No. 11472/11

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tapas K. Das Gupta *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/720,603

Filing Date: November 24, 2003

For: Cytotoxic Factors For Modulating
Cell Death

Examiner: Not assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 1642

REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Official Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application marked in red indicating corrections to be made thereto. Applicants request that the USPTO issue a corrected Filing Receipt reflecting these corrections.

Applicants request correction of the name of the inventor Tapas K. Das Gupta. Applicants also request correction of the domestic priority claimed to indicate that priority is claimed to provisional patent application 60/414,550, filed 8/15/03.

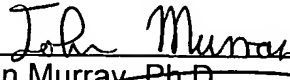
The USPTO had not assigned a serial number for provisional application 60/414,550 at the time of filing of the present application. Therefore, Applicants identified this application by its Attorney Reference Number (11472/5) in the first paragraph of the specification. A copy of this paragraph is enclosed. Applicants have submitted a Preliminary Amendment for the present application requesting that this paragraph be amended to include the serial number assigned to the provisional application.

Applicants also submit a "Decision Granting Petition", issued for Attorney Reference Number 11472/5, stating that this application has been assigned provisional application serial number 60/414,550 and a filing date of August 15, 2003.

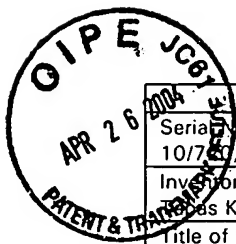
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 23, 2004


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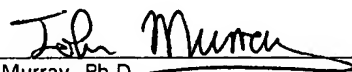
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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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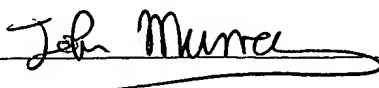
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CYTOTOXIC FACTORS FOR MODULATING CELL DEATH

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[001] This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Attorney Reference Number 11472/5, filed August 15, 2003, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/047,710, filed January 15, 2002, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/269,133, filed February 15th, 2001. The entire content of these prior applications is fully incorporated herein by this reference.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST

[002] The subject matter of this application has been supported by research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.A., (Grant Numbers AI 16790-21, ES 04050-16, AI 45541, CA09432 and N01-CM97567). The government may have certain rights in this invention.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[003] The present invention relates to cytotoxic factors secreted by microorganisms and inhibitors of cytotoxic factors and their use in causing cellular growth arrest and in modulating cell death by necrosis and apoptosis. The present invention also relates to methods of producing, isolating and identifying such cytotoxic factors and to compositions incorporating substantially pure cytotoxic factors useful in modulating cell death and causing cellular growth arrest. The invention also relates to methods of treating apoptosis-related conditions. More particularly, the invention relates to the use of a substantially pure cytotoxic factor in a method of inducing apoptosis or cellular growth arrest in a cancer cell and to the use of inhibitors of the cytotoxic factors for treating an infection or other pathogen-induced condition.

BACKGROUND

[004] Infectious diseases can be a product of a number of environmental factors. Underlying any infectious disease is a causative infectious agent. The infectious



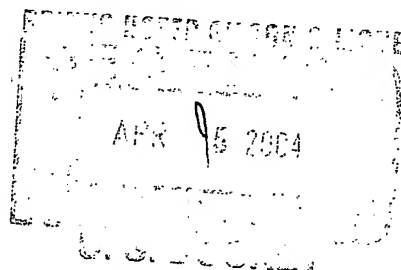
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 10/047,710 01/15/2002
which claims benefit of 60/269,133 02/15/2001

Foreign Applications **CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/414,550 8/15/2003 AND**

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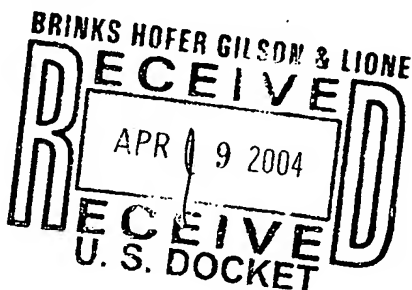
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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Das-Gupta et al.
Application No. 60/414,550
Filed: 15 August, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 11472/5

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(e)¹ filed on 1 April, 2004, requesting that the above-identified provisional application be accorded a filing date of 15 August, 2003.

Petitioners allege that the application was deposited in "Express

¹ 37 CFR 1.10(e) provides that:

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(4) The petition includes a statement which establishes, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, the original deposit of the correspondence and that the copies of the correspondence, the copy of the "Express Mail" mailing label, the copy of any returned postcard receipt, and any official notation entered by the USPS are true copies of the originally mailed correspondence, original "Express Mail" mailing label, returned postcard receipt, and official notation entered by the USPS.

Mail" service with the U.S. Postal Service on 15 August, 2003. In support, petitioner provided a copy of the Express Mail Customer Label No. EL835293006US, showing a Date-in of "8-15-03". The same Express Mail receipt number was referred to on the itemized Provisional Application Transmittal sheet submitted with the present petition. Petitioners have provided a copy of 59 pages of specification (including one (1) page of abstract and one title page), and 15 sheets of drawings.

The Office considers the date the paper or fee is shown to have been deposited as "Express Mail" to be the "Date In" on the Express Mail label.² That is the date that verifies that the package was actually mailed. In view of the above, the evidence is convincing that the application was deposited as "Express Mail" with the USPS on 15 August, 2003.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is due and none has been charged.

The application will be processed with a filing date of 15 August, 2003, using the copies of the application papers supplied with the present petition.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of 15 August, 2003, using the application papers supplied with the present petition.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at 703 308-6918.



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²MPEP 513.